

Recommended **Graphic Novel** Titles



Spill Zone *by Scott Westerfeld* **YA GRAPHIC NOVEL WESTERFELD**

Nobody's ever really explained the Spill. Was it an angelic visitation? A nanotech accident? A porthole opening from another world? Whatever it was, no one's allowed in the Spill Zone except government scientists and hazmat teams. But a few intrepid explorers know how to sneak through the patrols and steer clear of the dangers inside the Zone. Addison Merrick is dedicated to finding out what happened that night and unraveling the events that took her parents and left her little sister mute and disconnected from the world.



This One Summer *by Mariko & Jillian Tamaki* **YA GRAPHIC NOVEL TAMAKI**

Every summer, Rose goes with her mom and dad to a lake house in Awago Beach. It's their getaway, their refuge. Rosie's friend Windy is always there too, like the little sister she never had. But this summer is different. Rose's mom and dad won't stop fighting, and when Rose and Windy seek a distraction from the drama, they find themselves with a whole new set of problems. It's a summer of secrets and sorrow and growing up, and it's a good thing Rose and Windy have each other.



Wires and Nerve, Vol. 1 *by Marissa Meyer* **YA GRAPHIC NOVEL MEYER**

When rogue packs of wolf-hybrid soldiers threaten the tenuous peace alliance between Earth and Luna, Iko takes it upon herself to hunt down the soldiers' leader. She is soon working with a handsome royal guard who forces her to question everything she knows about love, loyalty, and her own humanity.



The Last Halloween: Children *by Abby Howard* **YA GRAPHIC NOVEL HOWARD**

For every human on Earth, there is a monster connected to them. Now, the barrier keeping them out of the human world has been broken, and they're all loose, wreaking havoc across the planet. Chased out into the Halloween night, 10-year-old Mona meets some very strange new fellows: a ghoul, a vampire, and her own monster. Together, they search for the only human who can restore the barrier, save the world, and keep this from being the Last Halloween.



The Prince and the Dressmaker *by Jen Wang* **YA GRAPHIC NOVEL WANG**

Prince Sebastian is looking for a bride—or rather, his parents are looking for one for him. Sebastian is too busy hiding his secret life from everyone. At night he puts on daring dresses and takes Paris by storm as the fabulous Lady Crystallia—the hottest fashion icon in the world capital of fashion! Sebastian's secret weapon (and best friend) is the brilliant dressmaker Frances. But Frances dreams of greatness, and being someone's secret weapon means being a secret. Forever. How long can Frances defer her dreams to protect a friend?



Last Pick *by Jason Walz* **YA GRAPHIC NOVEL WALZ**

Three years ago, aliens invaded Earth and abducted everyone they deemed useful. The only ones spared were those too young, too old, or too "disabled" to be of value. Living on Earth under the aliens' harsh authoritarian rule, humanity's rejects do their best to survive. Their captors never considered them a threat—until now. Twins Sam and Wyatt are ready to chuck their labels and start a revolution. It's time for the kids last picked to step into the game.



Paper Girls *by Brian K. Vaughan* **YA GRAPHIC NOVEL VAUGHAN**

In the early hours after Halloween of 1988, four 12-year-old newspaper delivery girls uncover the most important story of all time. Suburban drama and otherworldly mysteries collide in this tale about nostalgia, first jobs, and the last days of childhood.



Nimona *by Noelle Stevenson*
YA GRAPHIC NOVEL STEVENSON

Nimona is an impulsive shapeshifter with a knack for villainy. Lord Ballister Blackheart is a villain with a vendetta. As sidekick and supervillain their mission is to prove that Sir Ambrosius Goldenloin and his buddies at the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics aren't the heroes everyone thinks they are. As small acts of mischief escalate into a vicious battle, Lord Blackheart realizes that Nimona's powers are as murky and mysterious as her past. And her unpredictable wild side might be more dangerous than he is willing to admit.



Animus *by Antoine Revoy*
YA GRAPHIC NOVEL REVROY

The residents of a quiet Kyoto neighborhood have slowly come to realize that paranormal forces are at play in the most unlikely of places: the local playground. Two friends, a young girl and boy, resolve to exorcise the evils that inhabit it, including a snaggle-toothed monster.



DeadEndia: The Watcher's Test *by Hamish Steele*
YA GRAPHIC NOVEL STEELE

Barney and his best friend Norma are just trying to get by and keep their jobs, but working at the Dead End theme park also means battling demonic forces, time traveling wizards, and scariest of all—their love lives! Follow the lives of this diverse group of employees of a haunted house, which may or may not also serve as a portal to hell, in this hilarious and moving graphic novel, complete with talking pugs, vengeful ghosts and LBGQTIA love!



Moonstruck, Vol. 1 *by Grace Ellis*
YA GRAPHIC NOVEL ELLIS

Werewolf barista Julie and her new girlfriend go on a date to a close-up magic show, but all heck breaks loose when the magician casts a horrible spell on their friend Chet. Now it's up to the team of mythical pals to stop the illicit illusionist before it's too late.



The Umbrella Academy, Vol. 1 *by Gerard Way*
YA GRAPHIC NOVEL WAY

In an inexplicable worldwide event, forty-seven extraordinary children were spontaneously born to women who'd shown no signs of pregnancy. Millionaire inventor Reginald Hargreeves adopted seven of the children; when asked why, his only explanation was, "To save the world." These seven children form the Umbrella Academy, a dysfunctional family of superheroes with bizarre powers. Nearly a decade later, the team disbands, but when Hargreeves unexpectedly dies, these disgruntled siblings reunite just in time to save the world once again.



Wolf Children: Ame & Yuki *by Mamoru Hosoda*
YA GRAPHIC NOVEL HOSODA

When Hana falls in love with a man she encounters in her college class, the last thing she expects to learn is that he is part wolf, and she accepts him with open arms. Soon, the couple is expecting their first child, and a cozy picture of family life unfolds. But after what seems like a mere moment of bliss to Hana, the father of her children is tragically taken from her. Life as a single mother is hard in any situation, but when your children walk a fine line between man and beast, the rules of parenting all but go out the window. With no one to turn to, how will Hana survive?



Pumpkinheads *by Rainbow Rowell*
YA GRAPHIC NOVEL ROWELL

Every autumn, all through high school, Deja and Josiah worked together at the best pumpkin patch in the whole wide world. But this Halloween is different—Josiah and Deja are finally seniors, and this is their last season at the pumpkin patch. Their last shift together. Their last good-bye. Deja's got a plan: What if—instead of moping and the usual slinging lima beans down at the Succotash Hut—they went out with a bang? They could see all the sights! Taste all the snacks! And Josiah could finally talk to that cute girl he's been mooning over for three years.



Lumberjanes, Vol. 1 *by Noelle Stevenson*

YA GRAPHIC NOVEL LUMBERJANES

At Miss Qiunzilla Thiskwin Penniquiquil Thistle Crumpet's camp for hard-core lady-types, things are not what they seem. Three-eyed foxes. Secret caves. Anagrams. Luckily, Jo, April, Mal, Molly, and Ripley are five rad, butt-kicking best pals determined to have an awesome summer together... And they're not gonna let a magical quest or an array of supernatural critters get in their way! The mystery keeps getting bigger, and it all begins here.



The Witch's Hand *by Nathan Page*

YA GRAPHIC NOVEL PAGE

After a strange storm, twins Pete and Alastair Montague, discover there is more to their detective skills than they had thought. Their guardian, David Faber, a once prominent professor, has been keeping secrets about their parents and what the boys are truly capable of. At the same time, three girls go missing after casting a mysterious spell. With the help of David's daughter, Charlie, they discover there are forces at work that they never could have imagined, which will impact their lives forever.



Anya's Ghost *by Vera Brosgol*

YA GRAPHIC NOVEL STEELE

Of all the things Anya expected to find at the bottom of an old well, a new friend was not one of them. Especially not a new friend who's been dead for a century. Falling down a well is bad enough, but Anya's normal life might actually be worse. She's embarrassed by her family, self-conscious about her body, and she's pretty much given up on fitting in at school. A new friend—even a ghost—is just what she needs. Or so she thinks.



The Legend of Korra: Turf Wars *by Michael D. DiMartino*

YA GRAPHIC NOVEL DIMARTINO

After a refreshing sojourn in the Spirit World, Korra and Asami return to Republic City but find nothing but political hijinks and human vs. spirit conflict! Pompous developer Wonyong Keum plans to turn the new spirit portal into an amusement park, potentially severing an already tumultuous connection with the spirits. At the city's edge, Zhu Li enlists everyone she can to aid the thousands of hungry and homeless evacuees who have relocated there. Meanwhile, the Triple Threats' ruthless new leader, Tokuga, is determined to unite the other triads under his rule, no matter the cost.



The Black Mage *by Daniel Barnes*

YA GRAPHIC NOVEL BARNES

When St. Ivory Academy, a historically white wizarding school, opens its doors to its first-ever black student, everyone believes that the wizarding community is finally taking its first crucial steps toward inclusivity. Or is it? When Tom Token, the beneficiary of the school's "Magical Minority Initiative," begins uncovering weird clues and receiving creepy texts on his phone, he and his friend, Lindsay, stumble into a conspiracy that dates all the way back to the American Civil War, and could cost Tom his very soul.



Grimoire Noir *by Vera Greentea*

YA GRAPHIC NOVEL GREENTEA

Bucky Orson is a bit gloomy, but who isn't at fifteen? His best friend left him to hang out with way cooler friends, his dad is the town sheriff, and he lives in Blackwell, a town where all the girls are witches. When his little sister is kidnapped because of her extraordinary power, Bucky has to get out of his head and go on a strange journey to investigate the small town that gives him so much grief. And in the process he uncovers the town's painful history and a conspiracy that will change it forever.



Heartstopper, Vol. 1 *by Alice Oseman*

YA GRAPHIC NOVEL OSEMAN

Charlie, a highly-strung, openly gay over-thinker, and Nick, a cheerful, soft-hearted rugby player, meet at a British all-boys grammar school. Charlie Spring is in Year 10 at Truham Grammar School for Boys. The past year hasn't been too great, but at least he's not being bullied anymore. Nick Nelson is in Year 11 and on the school rugby team. They quickly become friends, and soon Charlie is falling hard for Nick, even though he doesn't think he has a chance. But love works in surprising ways, and sometimes good things are waiting just around the corner.



The Hazards of Love *by Stan Stanley*

YA GRAPHIC NOVEL STANLEY

Amparo's deal with the talking cat was simple: a drop of blood and Amparo's name to become a better person. Their mother and abuela would never worry about them again, and they'd finally be worthy of dating straight-A student Iolanthe. But the cat steals their body, becoming the better person they were promised, and Amparo's spirit is imprisoned in a terrifying land known as Bright World. With cruel and manipulative masters and a society that feeds on memories, Amparo must use their cleverness to escape, without turning into a monster like the rest.



Blue Period, Vol. 1 *by Tsubasa Yamaguchi*

YA GRAPHIC NOVEL YAMAGUCHI

Yatora is the perfect high school student, with good grades and lots of friends. It's an effortless performance, and, ultimately...a dull one. But he wanders into the art room one day, and a lone painting captures his eye, awakening him to a kind of beauty he never knew. Compelled and consumed, he dives in headfirst—and he's about to learn how savage and unforgiving art can be....



The Daughters of Ys *by M.T. Anderson*

YA GRAPHIC NOVEL ANDERSON

Ys, city of wealth and wonder, has a history of dark secrets. Queen Malgven used magic to raise the great walls that keep Ys safe from the tumultuous sea. But after the queen's death, her daughters drift apart. Rozenn, the heir to the throne, spends her time on the moors communing with wild animals, while Dahut, enjoys the splendors of royal life and is eager to take part in palace intrigue. When Rozenn and Dahut's bond is irrevocably changed, the fate of Ys is sealed, exposing the monsters that lurk in plain view.



Cheshire Crossing *by Andy Weir*

YA GRAPHIC NOVEL WEIR

What happens to Alice when she comes back from Wonderland? Wendy from Neverland? Dorothy from Oz? The three meet here, at Cheshire Crossing—a boarding school where girls like them learn how to cope with their supernatural experiences and harness their magical world-crossing powers. But the trio aren't content to sit still in a classroom. Soon they're dashing from one universe to the next, leaving havoc in their wake—and, inadvertently, bringing the Wicked Witch and Hook together in a deadly supervillain love match. To stop them, the girls will have to draw on all of their powers... and marshal a team of unlikely allies from across the magical multiverse.



The Girl from the Sea *by Molly Ostertag*

YA GRAPHIC NOVEL OSTERTAG

Morgan is desperate to finish high school and escape her sad divorced mom, her volatile little brother, and worst of all, her great group of friends...who don't understand her at all. Because Morgan has a lot of secrets, including the one about wanting to kiss another girl. Then one night, Morgan is saved from drowning by a mysterious girl named Keltie. The two become friends and suddenly life on the island doesn't seem so stifling anymore. But Keltie has some secrets of her own. And as the girls start to fall in love, everything they're each trying to hide will find its way to the surface...whether Morgan is ready or not.



Wynd, Vol. 1 *by James Tynion IV*

YA GRAPHIC NOVEL TYNION

Wynd lives a quiet life in Pipetown. But Wynd also has a secret...magical blood betrayed by his pointed ears, forbidden within the city limits. His shaggy hair has obscured them, but now that Wynd is a teenager they are too unwieldy to hide. Joined by his best friend Oakley, and Thorn, the groundskeeper's son, Wynd's strange dreams and an encounter with the city guard send him on a dangerous adventure where Wynd will discover the magic in the world around him and, most importantly, the magic within himself.



The Magic Fish *by Trung Le Nguyen*

YA GRAPHIC NOVEL NGUYEN

Real life isn't a fairytale. But Tiến still enjoys reading his favorite stories with his parents from the books he borrows from the local library. It's hard enough trying to communicate with your parents as a kid, but for Tiến, he doesn't even have the right words because his parents are struggling with their English. Is there a Vietnamese word for what he's going through? Is there a way to tell them he's gay?